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Photo (top left) shows activity building while the fire was enveloping the adjoining dining room-kitchen building. This picture was taken from the south looking north and also shows the covered walkway that connected the activity building with the main building to the left. Photo (top right) shows activity building burning after the adjoining dining room building had practically burned to the ground. Photo (lower left) pictures smoke and fire perhaps at its highest. Photo (lower right) shows what was left of two buildings after fire subsided.

Replacement Started

Two Garaywa Buildings Burn

The kitchen - dining room building, and the classroom building at Camp Garaywa, near Clinton, were destroyed by fire on Tuesday afternoon, September 29. Origin is undetermined.

Camp Garaywa is owned and operated by the Woman's Missionary Union of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

There was no loss of life or injuries in the spectacular blaze which began shortly after 3 o'clock in the afternoon and continued for several hours.

Smoke from the fire was visible for many miles.

Losses will total about \$200,000 according to estimates made by Dr. Edwin Robinson, Executive Secretary of the Woman's organization. Insurance coverage was as large as was available, but will not completely cover the losses.

While the fire was still smoldering, Dr. Robinson stated, "Of course, we will rebuild."

In carrying out that purpose, the Executive Committee of WMU met on Friday, and named a Building Com-

mittee to begin at once the replacement of the lost facilities, in order to be ready for the full camping season next summer. The kitchen - dining room building will be replaced first, with the class-room building to come later.

The committee also voted to continue the regular winter program of the camp as far as is possible, although decision was made to cancel the International House Party usually held at Thanksgiving.

The annual Associational Missionaries conference, regularly meeting at Camp Garaywa, will be held, with participants taking their meals at Mississippi College.

The regular WMU board meeting and the Queen's Court scheduled for early months of 1971 also will be held.

Members of the Building Committee are Mrs. W. E. Hannah, Clinton, Chairman; Mrs. Carey Cox, Clinton, Vice-chairman; Mrs. Kelly Pyron, Natchez; Mrs. Charles Tyler, Collins and Mrs. Charles Ray, Greenwood.

The fire was discovered when Mrs. Prudie Robinson, dietician for the camp and mother of the Executive Secretary, entered the building and smelled smoke as she opened one of the doors in the kitchen area.

She immediately called the grounds

caretaker, Harry Douglas, who was not far away. When he opened the door of a storage pantry he discovered the fire. It already was too far advanced for anything to be done except call the fire department at Clinton.

By the time the firemen arrived the fire had engulfed the building, and there was little to do but try to contain it. The classroom building was immediately adjacent to the kitchen-

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Hudgins Receives Carson-Newman Alumnus Award

JEFFERSON CITY, TENNESSEE — Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins was one of four graduates of Carson-Newman College in this city, who received the 1970 Distinguished Alumni Awards



Dr. Hudgins is executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, Mississippi.

Other recipients of the award were J. E. Lingerfelt, retired, who has given long missionary service to South and Central America; Roxie Jacobs, retired, for many years a worker in the Training Union Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and William Dwight Holmes, president of Millersburg Military Institute, Millersburg, Ky.

Speaker for the special chapel awards service was Dr. T. B. Maston, for many years a professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Carson-Newman College is one of several institutions owned and operated by the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The award citation presented to Dr. Hudgins read, "Distinguished Alumnus Award presented to W. Douglas Hudgins whose life's energies have been given to the promotion of Christ's Kingdom through his ministry in Baptist churches and the Baptist denomination; whose enviable record as a pastor and servant of the denomination has been a constant inspiration to other; whose interest in Christian education and ability as an administrator in Baptist work has borne abundant fruit; and whose example as a Christian statesman has been an inspiration to all who know him."

A special bronze medal, encased in a plastic desk stand, reads as follows: "DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD, Presented to W. Douglas Hudgins, whose personal life, professional achievements and community

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President Urges Prayer For Peace

WASHINGTON (BP) — President Richard Nixon has asked "all Americans to pray that the scourge of war be lifted from the earth, and that the anguish of those who have felt the horrors of war be eased."

The President made his plea to the nation as he proclaimed Wednesday, October 21, as "National Day of Prayer, 1970."

An ancient prayer, "Lord, Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace," was

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Graham Sees Student Move Toward Christ

CHICAGO (RNS) — Evangelist Billy Graham predicted here that college students will surprise their elders this Fall with their concerted move toward Christ.

"The great story of campuses today which the news media are missing is the growing number of conversions being made among young people," he said. "Youngsters desperate for a purpose and a way of life are eagerly adopting Christ as their leader."

Here to plan his second Chicago Crusade in 1971, the evangelist said he expects 70 per cent of his Chicago audience to be under 25.

He explained that since his crusade here eight years ago, the direction of his messages have been altered with emphasis on a new age group. In recent years, about 70 per cent of audiences have been under 25, he said.

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Senate Passes Smut Mail Bill

WASHINGTON (BP) — The Senate has passed unanimously a bill requiring unsolicited pornographic advertising to be labeled as such and permitting the return of such material to the sender at no cost to the person who receives it.

The measure, approved by a 79-0 vote, in the Senate, has been sent to the House of Representatives.

Sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.), the bill as finally written by the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee would require the following label in outstanding type of all unsolicited pornographic advertising:

"The enclosed material is sexually oriented advertising, and may, if requested by the addressee, be returned to the sender unopened at no cost to the addressee."

Return postage would be paid by the sender plus a service charge of not less than 50 cents, according to the bill's requirements. The measure calls for a penalty of \$5,000 for each piece of such matter that is not labeled, or for failure to pay the return postage.

The bill as introduced by Mansfield and sponsored jointly by several other Senators, would have required labeling any matter that "may be" considered obscene. The determination of what is obscene would have been left to the "sole discretion" of the ad-

dresser himself to decide what is obscene or offensive, but this was stricken from the amended bill finally passed.

In hearings several weeks ago the committee heard complaints that such a broadly written bill could cover many popular magazines, classic literature and even the Bible. In reporting the bill to the Senate, the committee noted that it had amended the bill in such a way "as to minimize these possible misapplications."

In its report, the committee said it weighed carefully the requirements for effective legislative action against unwanted smut advertising with the responsibility to protect every citizen's rights guaranteed by the First and Fifth Amendments to the Constitution.

"In the balance against those rights also is the constitutional right of privacy which has been clearly defined by the Supreme Court," the committee said.

The committee noted in the report that trespassers and unwanted salesmen may be "ordered off the doorstep" of private property or removed by the police. Through the bill as amended, the committee said it was seeking to assure this same right to protect the privacy of one's home from unsolicited pornography.

"If the sanctity and privacy of the

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300 Walk Out, Two Resign As Church Rejects Negroes

By Jack Bryner

BIRMINGHAM (BP) — About 300 members of Birmingham's First Baptist Church walked out of the morning worship service "in moral protest" after two Negroes were denied membership and the pastor and youth director had resigned.

The walkout came after Dr. Byrn Williamson, Birmingham physician and staunch supporter of Southern Baptist foreign missions, read a statement expressing disapproval of the church's action in rejecting the two Negro membership applications.

"Dr. Gilmore, many of the church members feel as you do, that we have no moral right to deny membership to these Christians solely because they are black," Dr. Williamson said.

"We would like to show our disapproval of this action the church has taken now by standing and leaving this service immediately to assemble in room 100 of the (church's) education building for prayer," Dr. Williamson said.

The action taken by the church climaxed a four - month struggle which began when Mrs. Winifred Bryant, a Negro, and her 11 - year - old daughter Twila, presented themselves for membership in the church.

Twila was one of the first students enrolled in a tutoring ministry of the church, directed by Miss Betty Bock, youth director.

In July, during a quarterly church conference, T. R. Lawson, formerly a coach at Birmingham high school, called for the resignation of the pastor and youth director. Vote on his motion was delayed because the pastor was attending the Baptist World Congress in Tokyo.

In a meeting in August after eight hours of debate and 10 ballots, the congregation refused to dismiss the church staff by a vote of 241-237, a margin of four votes.

Although a majority, according to church rules, to accept the two Negroes, the church's action after the deacons had reviewed the action.

Gilmore, pastor, ruled there was not a two - thirds majority and apologized to the prospective members.

Gilmore then read his resignation as pastor of the church for the past two years. In his resignation statement Gilmore said:

"My understanding of the Christian faith compels me to believe that God is the father of us all, that he is no respecter of persons, that Christ died for all and that all persons therefore are of infinite worth; that in Christ, neither color, condition, race or sex are significant; that the church is the body of Christ commissioned to reconcile all men to God because it is a

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SBC's Highest Office

President Has Less Exalted View

By Toby Druin

Associate Editor, Biblical Recorder
CHARLOTTE, N. C. (BP) — With three months under his belt as president of the 11½ million - member Southern Baptist Convention, Carl E. Bates confided here that he now has a less exalted view of the presidency of the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

"The office, while it is one of great honor and should be respected, is regarded by most of our pastors (in the SBC) — and by me before the election — as being far more powerful and influential than it actually is," the pastor of Charlotte's First Baptist Church said.

"Nor was I automatically qualified to speak on all the issues which Southern Baptists are facing," he added. "Neither was I qualified to give all the answers which would be helpful in solving all these problems."

He said he viewed the office of president of the convention as basically being the presiding officer of the annual meeting — an event toward which he already is looking. The 126th annual session of the convention is to be held in St. Louis, June 1-4, 1971.

Bates said that though it is early he does not predict carryover into St. Louis of "the hostile spirit" of the Denver Convention.

"I have never sensed such hostility in any meeting I have ever been a part of," he said. "I was appalled at the way Dr. Criswell was treated and the way some men conducted themselves on the floor."

The Denver convention, he said, gave evidence that certain elements

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CARL BATES, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, points out some of the volumes of mail—up to 100 letters a day—he receives as top elected official of the 11½ million member denomination. Bates, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Charlotte, said his view of the office of president had changed somewhat, for he now has a less exalted view of the SBA presidency.—(BP) Photo by Toby Druin.

Two Garaywa Buildings Burn

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dining room area, so the fire quickly spread to that.

The firemen were hindered by a lack of water since the camp has its own water supply system, and has no connection with the Clinton water mains. Even though there was water in the swimming pool, it was not accessible to the fire engines since they could not get close enough to the pool to use it. A portable pump was brought in, but too late for any use other than to help contain the fire to the two buildings involved.

The Jackson fire department also

responded to the call, and assisted in keeping the fire from spreading.

For a while it appeared that the administration building also might be engulfed in the blaze, since it is near to the buildings that burned, and was connected to them by a breezeway.

Firemen kept water playing on this breezeway and on threatened areas of the administration building and it did not catch fire.

Firemen said that the fact that the burned buildings had aluminum siding which helped contain the fire, and

the administration building had the same siding, which resisted the terrific heat, may have helped prevent the latter from catching fire.

Students from Mississippi College and other onlookers emptied the administration building of its furnishings when it appeared to be threatened, and carried the equipment back in after the danger was passed.

Both Dr. Robinson and her mother suffered personal loss of clothing and other possessions which were in the apartment they maintained in the building. They lived in this apart-

ment during the camping season, and during other special meetings at the camp.

Also lost was equipment in the maintenance shop which was in the basement of the classroom building. Materials stored in the building also burned.

Heavy damage was inflicted on the large trees which surrounded the buildings that were destroyed.

Mr. Charles Dean of Jackson was named as architect for the new buildings, and began his work by meeting with Dr. Robinson and members of the building committee on Wednesday.



Upperclassmen: MC Residence Hall Managers

RESIDENCE HALL MANAGERS — Responsible upperclassmen are employed as residence hall managers in the three male residences at Mississippi College. They are responsible for all activities in the residences and answer directly to the dean of men. Pictured, from the left, are Rory Lee of Prentiss, Ratiff Hall; Mr. Ed Hewlett, dean of men; David Aswell, Centertown, Mo., Chrestman Hall; and Stephen Calvert of Jackson, Whittington Hall.—(M.C. Photo by Joe Lee)

300 Walk Out, Two Resign As Church Rejects Negroes

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group of men and women who are already at one with God and each other.

"By your action in rejecting these two people because they are black, you have denied these fundamental truths of Christian faith," Gilmore continued.

"I have said that I would not be the pastor of a racist church," he added. "I meant what I said. So this morning I respectfully request that you accept my resignation effective Nov. 1."

Youth Director Betty Bock then presented her resignation to the church saying: "I cannot lead in ministries in which evangelism and ministry must be separated. To minister to any individual in the name and to be unable to share with them the good news for fear they will be rejected contradicts the most basic tenets of the Christian faith."

"Twila was one of the first students to participate in our tutoring program," Miss Bock continued. "We sought to communicate God's love for her and she responded. Now she is unacceptable for church membership."

One of the most vocal opponents of the pastor's position, Birmingham attorney Ollie Blain, objected to both resignations.

Moderator Marvin Prude responded to Blain's objections saying he was

surprised "that you would be the one to object, since this has been one of your objectives since the beginning."

Blain told a news reporter later he did not object to the resignations, but opposed the resignations being presented at that particular time since emotions were so high. He added that he felt any resignation should be effective immediately, not a month later.

The group which walked out "in moral protest" met briefly for a period of prayer and then shared a basket lunch. More than 200 were served.

The group indicated no plans to start a new church at this time, but are waiting to see how things go after Nov. 1, and are designating their offering take care of the staff and maintain the church's current ministries to the inner city area, observers said.

At this point it is not certain what the group that walked out will do, but all indications are that a new church fellowship will be formed which will have an open door policy on church membership, observers here said.

At the luncheon, they adopted a five-point resolution submitted by former U. S. Fifth Circuit Court Judge Hobart Grooms, now retired.

The resolution stated that (1) we maintain our ministries, (2) we support our ministries, (3) we retain a

Village Announces Result Of Mother's Day Appeal

The administration at the Baptist Children's Village has announced its final and total receipts from the 1970 Mother's Day appeal.

According to the announcement, the Village books have now been closed on the 1970 Mother's Day campaign and every gift received in the Village offices to September 15 which could possibly be traced to the 1970 Mother's Day appeal to churches has been credited with the result that the 1970 appeal is shown to have produced a response in the amount of \$685.10 less than the 1969 appeal.

In releasing the announcement, Superintendent Paul N. Nunnery at the Village stated that trustees, staff and children were sincerely grateful for what they consider a good response to the 1970 appeal in spite of many difficulties, economic and otherwise, which confront all friends of children this year.

"Those of us who are directly responsible for a Baptist mission effort with dependent children," Nunnery stated, "continue to be humbly grateful for the acceptance of our efforts by Mississippi Baptists and the loyalty and support which is offered, year after year, by unselfish friends of Baptist child care."

"We are especially appreciative of the giving response to the 1970 Mother's Day appeal. However, we must report that it will be difficult to sustain our present ministry and impossible to extend that ministry because of the increasing costs of living, and the difficulty of attracting and keeping staff members of the calibre we require."

"Although an increase from the Mother's Day appeal in an amount not less than \$15,000.00 above the 1969 Mother's Day response was desperately needed, we recognize the difficulty of the times in our state,

downtown location, (4) we extend our company of the committed, and (5) we dedicate our efforts to building a new fellowship."

"To achieve these objectives, we will devote our efforts, tithes, gifts and offerings," said the resolution approved by the group.

Gilmore said in an interview later that he had nothing to do with the suggestion of the group which left the church in protest "to pull out," and he had no plans after Nov. 1.

"I believe that the battle for the Christian faith at this point in our history is going to be won or lost at the local church level," Gilmore said. "I could hope there would be a church somewhere that wants an honest and compassionate pulpit that seeks to make Christ Lord of life."

and we renew our pledge to the child care task within the limits of available finances."

The Baptist Children's Village is an official agency of Mississippi Baptist Convention, operating a home for dependent children and a general, Christian ministry to children and families in crisis.

Christian Home Week and Mother's Day represent the Convention - sanctioned period when the Village may appeal to Baptist churches for special offerings to the operating needs of the Village. According to Village records, the agency is dependent upon designated giving, including the Mother's Day offering, for slightly more than 70 percent of its operating needs.

In concluding his announcement, Superintendent Nunnery pointed out that multiple opportunities for individuals to support the basic needs of the Village and its children present themselves throughout the year. He made particular reference to the "Village School Patron Fund," currently being emphasized for lunch fund and other educational needs of Village children; the Holiday Fund, in and near Christmas - time; and the "Dress A Child At Easter" fund, publicized in the early spring.

According to Mr. Nunnery, it is the hope and prayer of Village authority that individual Baptists and friends of children may come forward in financial support of the Village program and its children during the current year to a more substantial degree than in the past.

The Baptist Children's Village is included in the allocations of Cooperative Program funds for slightly less than 30 percent of Village minimum, operating needs.

President Urges - - -

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used as a text for the President's proclamation.

Commenting on the prayer, the President said, "The path to peace is through the hearts of men, and it seeks a particularly noble reward: The ability to examine one's own role in bringing harmony and tranquility to others."

At the same time the President proclaimed a national day of prayer, he also issued nine other proclamations for special events during October and November.

Senate Passes - - -

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home are protected by the common law right to eject trespassers, so should ordinary, decent family life be protected from prurient materials moving gratuitously into the mailbox from the mail stream," the report read.

This measure as amended involves no censorship, the report further stated. "It is silent on mail matter ordered or requested by the addressee, who, when he breaks the seal knows what to expect."

However, the bill is designed, the committee declared, "to protect the family member, possibly an impressionable child, from the shock of unsuspiciously opening and unmarked envelope and finding within it lurid and blatant sexual photographs or other sexual materials."

Graham Sees - - -

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erally ripe now than it was eight years ago, Mr. Graham observed, "Evangelical religion is on the rise and on the move in America. Evangelicalism is where the action is now."

Mr. Graham said he expected far greater support from black clergymen and blacks generally at the 1971 crusade, scheduled June 3-13 in McCormick Place. All crusade committees will have black and white co-chairmen.

A school of evangelism for students of area theological seminaries is also planned.

The Chicago Crusade — which will cost an estimated \$500,000 will be launched with a breakfast for 1,000 clergymen and 1,000 laymen.



Events At Convention Board Meeting

In top left photo plaques were presented at the recent State Convention Board meeting to the members of the building committee responsible for the new Mississippi Baptist Convention Building. Those receiving plaques in recognition of their service were, from left: Glenn Perry, Philadelphia, advisory committee; Dr. Joseph Triplett, Jackson; Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, committee chairman but now executive secretary. They were presented by Rev. J. R. Davis, right, vice-president of board. Others on committee, not present, are W. P. McMullan, Sr., and Clyde Bryan, both of Jackson, on advisory committee, and Dr. Bob N. Ramsay, Tupelo. In lower photo Dr. Hudgins (center), presents two department heads who will retire in 1971, Dr. Wm. P. Davis, on Sept. 1, and Dr. Edwina Robinson, on May 1.

NEWS BRIEFS

GRAHAM TO BE GRAND MARSHAL OF TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE

Evangelist Billy Graham will be grand marshal of the 82nd annual Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day. It was announced today by A. Lewis Shingler, president of the Tournament of Roses Association.

Dr. Graham will attend the Rose Parade and the subsequent Rose Bowl Football Game, both of which will be colorcast on the NBC Television Network Friday, Jan. 1.

The evangelist is the first religious leader ever to serve as grand marshal of the Pasadena parade.

Schols Bearing His Name To Honor Asbury

WILMORE, Ky. (EP)—The 200th anniversary of the arrival in America of Francis Asbury, founder of American Methodism, will be observed by Asbury Theological Seminary and Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky, October 26-28, 1971. Announcement of the observance was made jointly by Dr. Frank Bateman Stanger, president of Asbury Theological Seminary and Dr. Dennis F. Kinlaw, president of Asbury College.

Radio Beams Services To Hotel Guests In Tokyo

TOKYO (EP)—A group of five English-speaking churches will broadcast a daily 10-minute religious service over closed circuit TV at the Hotel New Otani here. The new program began Oct. 1.

In response to suggestions from guests, the Tokyo Public Relations Council, which operates the station, asked the Tokyo office of the Lutheran World Federation to help produce a Christmas Eve service last year.

The Council and the LWF then suggested the idea of regular broadcasts to the five Tokyo churches: Franciscan Chapel Center, Tokyo Union, Tokyo Baptist, St. Alban's Episcopal, and St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran.

The churches organized the Association for Christian English Mass Media Ministry which is making the hotel broadcasts its first project but may become engaged in other ministries.

13 Million Americans Quit Smoking

SAN DIEGO (EP)—More than 13 million Americans are reported to have kicked the smoking habit since 1966, bringing to 29 million the number who are now members of the nation's "unhooked generation."

Nearly two-thirds of the adult population are now non-smokers, according to a survey cited here at the first National Conference on Smoking and Health. Less than a decade ago, nearly half of the adult population smoked.

And for the first time since the "emancipated American female" began smoking in public a half century ago, cigaret smoking among adult women has reportedly declined.

Dr. Daniel Horn, director of the National Clearing House for Smoking and Health which conducted the survey, said there are now 300,000 fewer female smokers than there were in 1968, despite a population increase of about 3 million adult women.

On To Ararat

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP)—Optimist Ralph Crawford, director of the SEARCH Foundation team, attempting to scale Mt. Ararat in Turkey in search of Noah's Ark believes the search will go on.

Undaunted by recent "mountain blocks" thrown in the way, negotiations with the government of Ankara still proceed as the alpinists and scientists hope to continue their search. The tense political situation in the northeastern part of Turkey is so precarious that Turkish officials denied the American and French team permission to continue.

Letters and money gifts continue to pour in showing the faith that people around the world have in the undertaking. Prayer meetings—especially among the Armenian-American population—are scheduled for the success of the expedition. To these people, Ararat, the "haunted mountain," is almost sacred.

Gilbert H. Grosvenor, late editor of the National Geographic magazine said: "If the ark of Noah is ever discovered, it will be the greatest archeological find in human history and the greatest event since the resurrection of Christ—and it will alter all the currents of scientific thought."

It might quiet some of those who believe the Bible is full of myths. A boat 13,800 feet up on a mountainside sounds like a tall tale all right. But a myth?

Crawford, contacted recently, says "Whatever our position, we are dependent upon God, who holds all destinies in His hands. He has appointed us our work, and has endowed us with faculties and means for that work. So long as we surrender the will to God and trust in His strength and wisdom, we shall be guided in safe paths, to fulfill our appointed part in His great plan."

On to Ararat!

New Amendments Are Presented By Committee On Constitution, By-Laws

New amendments presented by the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws to the Mississippi Baptist Convention in November, 1968, to be voted on at the next annual session, November, 1970, according to Article VII of the Constitution, dealing with amendments, are as follows:

1. We recommend that Article IV, Section 5, of the Constitution be amended as follows:

That the word "may" be changed to "shall be" so that this sentence reads, "The Treasurer of the Convention Board (provided for in the Plan of Organization and Action following) shall be the Treasurer of the Convention."

2. We recommend that Article I, Section 2, under The Plan of Organization and Action, be amended as follows:

(1) That the second paragraph be deleted in its entirety.

(2) That in the third paragraph, and in the last sentence, the word "from" be substituted for the words "residing in." The last sentence would thus read, "If any association fails to notify the Executive Secretary of a nomination, or any nomination is unacceptable to the Committee on Nominations, the Committee on Nominations shall nominate a suitable person from that association to be a

member of the Convention Board.

3. We recommend that Article I, Section 3, under The Plan of Organization and Action, be amended as follows:

(1) That the last sentence be changed to read, "His unexpired term may be completed by a member chosen by the Executive Committee of the

Langley Elected New Leader Of D. C. Baptist Convention

WASHINGTON (BP)—James A. Langley, pastor of the Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church here, has been elected executive secretary of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention.

Langley, 45, succeeds M. Chandler Stith who has been in this position for the past 28 years. The new executive secretary will assume his responsibilities Nov. 1.

The District of Columbia Baptist Convention, made up of 59 churches, is affiliated with both the Southern and the American Baptist Convention.



Strong Hope To Dedicate New Sanctuary

Strong Hope Church, Route 3, West-son, Copiah County, has completed a new sanctuary and is planning a homecoming and dedication service Sunday, October 11. Sunday school will begin at 10 a.m.

The pastor, Rev. Perry T. Culver, will bring the dedicatory sermon at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served in the church dining hall at 12:00. The Music Department is planning a program for the afternoon service at 1:30 and all former pastors are invited to be present and to make a few comments.

The contract was let on May 1, 1970 for the construction of the new brick sanctuary, pastor's study, and three new classrooms. The sanctuary has been furnished with new furniture throughout and is centrally air-conditioned and heated.



Alaska Convention Adopts Budget And Sets New Office

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (BP) — The 25th annual Alaska Baptist Convention meeting at First Baptist Church here adopted a budget of \$254,458 and voted to construct a new state convention office building on property owned by the Turnagain Baptist Children's Home here.

Under terms of the convention action, the present Baptist Building will be sold.

President Has Less Exalted View

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of convention life have become polarized.

"But the majority of Southern Baptists are right where they have always been — right down the middle," he said.

Bates said he was amused at the many ways he was characterized following his election — "as a conciliator, as a middle-of-the-roader, as a conservative, and as a down-to-earth liberal."

He said he hopes the description of him by the press as a "healing influence" for the ills besetting the convention proves correct.

Bates said he felt it would show that Southern Baptists are "less than mature Christians" if they allow division to come among them.

"The mark of immaturity is to disagree with a man and as a result of your disagreement rule him off or shut him out from your circle of friends. This is prima facie evidence of immaturity, spiritual and otherwise," he observed.

The press of answering the mail — 60 to 100 letters each day — and the other duties of his office — meeting with various SBC committees, countless requests for speaking engagements and all the other things that go with being the top elected officer of the SBC possibly are beginning to chafe, he indicated.

"I am a pastor," he said. "This is my first love. I have found in this job as convention president that when I come to the pulpit on Sunday without having engaged in the care and cure of souls, I do not feel the freedom to preach that I have felt in previous years."

Despite the flood of mail, Bates still answers every letter himself and is even reluctant to let his secretary sign a letter he has dictated for fear the person to whom the letter is sent will feel he has been treated impersonally.

"People are important," he said.

"If they write you a letter, they don't want a computer response."

Some of the letters show an amazing misunderstanding of Baptist polity, Bates said. Many simply do not understand that a Southern Baptist church when it becomes identified with the convention, for no church really "belongs" to the convention — it is only affiliated with the convention through support of the SBC world-wide missions outreach — the Cooperative Program, he said.

"There is a great misunderstanding of our relations with the agencies of the convention," he added. "No Baptist church has to buy Southern Baptist literature if it chooses not to do so, and no Baptist pastor has to buy a Southern Baptist commentary if he chooses not to do so."

Of all the letters he has received, one sticks out in his memory. It was addressed to "Comrad Bates, President of the Communist Baptist Convention of the South." Bates tried to reply, but his letter was returned unopened. The original letter writer has apparently used a false address.

Answers 100 Letters Daily
The press of time in answering nearly 100 letters a day has cut into the morning study period Bates formerly reserved for study and sermon preparation. Before his election, Bates spent the mornings studying and the afternoons counseling, visiting in homes and hospitals and other pastoral duties.

Now, when he is in town, Bates insists on "engaging in pastoral care. I still take my turn in the hospital and in the homes where trouble and sorrow have come," he said.

The vast majority of the 2500 members of the Charlotte church have been very understanding about his absences, Bates said. He credited C. C. Warren, former pastor at the church, for training the members concerning the life of an SBC president. Warren was SBC president in 1956-57.

Bates said he already has had enough invitations to preach in other churches to keep him out of his church on Sundays for the next two years. But he has turned them all down.

"I said to my church when I made up my mind to let my name be placed in nomination for the presidency that if I were elected I would promise to be here on Sunday and Wednesday nights," Bates said. Thus far he has kept the promise. He preaches twice on Sunday mornings, again on Sunday night and leads two prayer meetings — one for children and the other for adults — on Wednesday evenings.

An inveterate quail hunter, he hopes to have time to hunt some after the season opens later this year, but much of his other leisure activity has been victimized by the press of presidential duties.

He continues to depend, he said, on his wife Myra to keep him straight. He has set no personal goals for his presidency, he said. "If I can manage to serve my church fairly well and carry out the responsibilities of the presidency, I will be satisfied."

"I feel that Southern Baptists are working their way toward one of their finest hours. Out of all of this debate that is a part of our experience now could issue some of the most rewarding years we have ever known."

"If my impression is not a false one, we could be on the verge of a great revival in Southern Baptist life," he concluded.

Providence Auditorium Filled To Capacity 152nd Anniversary

Providence Church (Lebanon Association) celebrated the 152nd anniversary of the founding of the church on Sunday, October 4. People from all over the state, as well as people from other states, joined in the celebration. The church auditorium was filled to capacity for the morning worship service.

A former pastor, Rev. Dan Thompson, now pastor of the Ackerman Church, Ackerman, brought the special message for the morning. Dinner was served on the church grounds and many people had a good time enjoying the fellowship of old friends following the noon meal. "This day every year is one of the highlights of the church year," states Rev. Robert E. Jones, pastor.

BSSB Official Named Academy President

SEYMOUR, Tenn. (BP) — Hubert B. Smothers, director of the Service Division for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, has been named president of Harrison, Chilhowee Baptist Academy here by the school's board of trustees, effective Sept. 1.

Smothers succeeds Charles C. Lemons, president of the academy for 10 years, who requested that his status as president be changed to some other position with the school.

Series of Workshops On Drug Education Planned For State

A series of Drug Education Workshops has been scheduled by the Mississippi Department of Education under the direction of Dr. James E. Parkman, supervisor of alcohol and narcotics education.

Pastors and all interested community and area people are invited and encouraged to attend.

The meetings presently planned are for October 21, 22, 23 at Northeast Junior College; November 18, 19, 20 at Northwest Junior College; December 9, 10, 11 at William Carey College; and February 3, 4, and 5 at Humes Junior College.

In announcing the schedules, Dr. Garvin Johnston, state superintendent of education, stated, "The purpose of these workshops is to help inform our teachers about drug abuse and are a part of the steps being taken to prevent the growth of the drug problem among teenagers and adults."

However, Dr. Parkman has assured Dr. J. Clark Hensley of the Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission that it is hoped that many parents and community leaders will find it possible to attend one of these workshops.

"Jot" To Be Seen In Two State Cities

JOT, the living dot that has won the hearts of young television viewers across the nation, will be seen in the Columbus area on WCBI each weekday at 4:30 p. m. beginning Oct. 5, and in the Hattiesburg area on WDAM-TV each Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. beginning Oct. 7.

JOT is the star of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission's TV cartoon for children.

Newsweek magazine has called the program the "first successful and genuinely entertaining" cartoon teaching moral and spiritual values to small children.

Now seen on nearly 100 television stations, JOT has won the praise of parents, ministers and educators across the nation.

In addition, more than 300,000 children have given him their warm, personal endorsement. That is the number who have written to JOT since he first went on the air in February, 1968.

Convention Board Policy Clarified

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, in its meeting last week, heard the following statement from the Executive Committee, as a clarification of policy concerning the ministry to the churches of convention board employees:

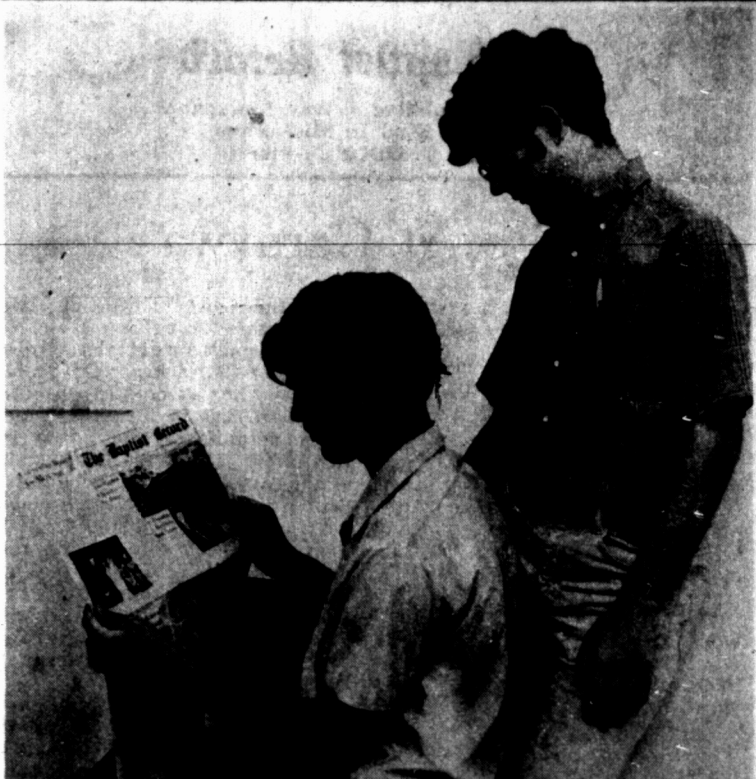
"Understanding that our Churches are facing mammoth changes in the 70's, the Executive Committee would like to remind our people of the availability of our trained staff, who are ready to be used in the Churches and Associations of the state. The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board bears the travel expense and salaries of our personnel when they are being used in the area of their assigned responsibility. If an employee of the Convention Board is asked to supply in the absence of the pastor or to perform any other service aside from the natural responsibilities of his work, he would be entitled to receive an honorarium and expense allowances. When a Department of the Convention Board is asked to assist a Church or Association in such a way that unusual expenses are to be incurred in motel, travel and entertainment, arrangements should be made with the Department head involved prior to any commitments, so that satisfactory financial arrangements can be agreed upon before hand."

I believe thousands upon thousands of men and women in our churches today are hungry for an opportunity to translate their commitment to Christ into practical deeds of Christian service.—Buckner Fanning in "Christ in Your Shoes," a Broadman book.



Fifteen Years Perfect

Mrs. Herbert Rucker, member of Westwood Church, Meridian, Mississippi, center, has received a fifteen-year perfect attendance pin in Sunday School. Mrs. Rucker has served in many positions in her church and is serving this next year as a teacher in the Children's Department. She is shown with her pastor, Rev. W. Buford Urry, right, and Bobby Cooper, The Church In Bible Study Director, left.



LOOKING over the Baptist Record, which always carries lots of interesting news about the Holy Land, are two MKs (missionary kids) at William Carey College from that part of the world. Robert, left, and Dannie Lindsey, sons of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Lindsey, have been particularly news-conscious during these past tense days in the Middle East. The boys grew up in Jerusalem where their parents have served as Southern Baptist missionaries for the past 25 years.

MK Brothers From Israel Enrolled At Wm. Carey

Two young students at William Carey College are more aware of the dangerous Middle East situation right now than most of their fellow students. Having lived in the country of Israel for 90% of their lives, Robert and Dannie Lindsey are now in the states for their college education. Their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Lindsey are at present in Jerusalem where they have served as Southern Baptist representatives for over 25 years.

Dannie and Robert attended Hebrew schools for most of their lives, but spent the last 3 years in the American International High School in Tel-Aviv, Israel.

Dannie, who is classified as a sophomore at Carey, is majoring in music. Robert who has just arrived as

a freshman hopes to major in the areas of mathematics and physical education. There are four other children in the Lindsey family. Debbie, age 14, is in Israel with her parents.

Three older children are in the United States, one of whom is with her husband at present in the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board Orientation Program for new missionaries at Calloway Gardens in Ga. The couple leaves in January to serve as medical missionaries in the uneasy Gaza Strip. They are Mr. and Mrs. Ken Mullican.

Life in the United States is interesting and rewarding to the Lindsey Brothers, but "home" is still in the Middle East. By special provision of the Foreign Mission Board, the boys will spend this coming summer back in Israel with their parents.



"missionaries are better than other christians."



FACT:

You probably heard this one from those who put missionaries on pedestals (kind of like religious supermen).

But missionaries are human! They are people who have acknowledged God's leadership... and in the case of the foreign missionary this means serving in another country.

But missionaries certainly aren't infallible. They may not even be uncommonly brave. They simply feel that God wants them to serve another people in another land. And their faith in this commitment gives them the strength to go on.

Missionaries don't want to be revered. (They would like to be prayed for.)

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Carey Librarian Is Native Of Korea

WILLIAM CAREY College Librarian Younk Lee, rear, seems to be saying "Meet My Family" in this photo made upon the arrival of his wife and three children from Korea. Lee had been separated from his family for 28 months while he completed a master's degree in library science and became settled in his position at Carey. Shown from left are: Mrs. Sungsoon Lee, Sang Hearn, age 9, Hyeryung, age 13, and Jue Hearn, age 15.

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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

Fire At Garaywa

Disaster once again has struck the Mississippi Baptist assembly and camp program, although the recent experience is hardly to be compared with that of Camille of 14 months ago.

However, it was most serious when fire struck at Camp Garaywa last week, and destroyed the kitchen-dining room and class room complex. The full story is told on page one of this issue of the Record.

"Of course we shall rebuild," were almost the first words of Dr. Edwin Robinson, Executive Secretary of the WMU of Mississippi, owners of Garaywa.

The building at Garaywa will be rebuilt, even bigger and better. We are sure of that. Knowing the spirit and dedication of Mississippi Baptist women and those who lead them, we expect to see the new structure begin to rise

from the ashes of the old within the next few weeks.

We cannot forget the tireless efforts of "Miss Ed" (Dr. Robinson) and her associates, in building Garaywa in the first place. They established the camp immediately after World War II, when materials were difficult to procure, and when many people were saying that it could not be done. But they did it, and they will do it again. Even if fire had destroyed much more the camp would have been rebuilt, and since only two major units were destroyed, these will quickly be replaced.

Camp Garaywa has ministered to tens of thousands of Mississippi youth and adults in its 23 year history, and the need for it is greater now than ever before. We shall watch for an even greater Garaywa to rise from the ashes.

A Visit To Richmond

"Control Central" for what will be the world's largest evangelical missionary program is at 3806 Monument Avenue in Richmond, Virginia.

Here, a large staff of trained, experienced, dedicated men and women direct the work of 2500 missionaries serving in 75 nations around the globe. Moreover, these American missionaries cooperate with thousands of nationals in churches, schools, hospitals and other mission activity.

On September 23 and 24 your editor was one of about twenty Southern Baptist state editors or associates, who were guests of the Foreign Mission Board for a briefing on Southern Baptists' world mission work. It was one of the most profitable and rewarding meetings your editor has attended at any Southern Baptist agency.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Board, and almost his entire top staff personnel were present for the four sessions held during the two days, and the editors were given both an overview, and direct reports on the spiritual situation in the world, and on what Southern Baptists are doing about it through the Foreign Board.

Secretaries for each division of the work, the Orient, the South Pacific, Europe and the Near East, Africa and Central and South America, gave reports on their fields of responsibility. The strong and encouraging points were presented, problems were honestly faced, and needs were depicted. The editors were encouraged to raise questions on any matter, and discussion was frank and open.

This editor came away from the meeting with several distinct impressions:

1. The foreign mission work of Southern Baptists is in splendid condition. It is directed by men who have the world in their hearts, and have found the wisdom of God in the plan of organization and implementation of the work.

2. Southern Baptists are giving their strongest and most earnest support to the board as it seeks

to carry out for Christ and for them, the task of witness for Christ "in all the world."

3. Southern Baptist dollars are being spent wisely and judiciously as the board seeks to make them spread as far as possible in meeting world need.

4. The Foreign Mission Board is keeping the proclamation of the gospel of Christ at the very center of what it is doing in every world field, whether it be in evangelism, building churches, conducting schools, or providing medical care. Meeting the spiritual needs of lost men is the first line of effort of the whole world mission force.

5. The Board is seeking to help the nationals in each nation to establish an indigenous program of work, that can sustain itself, and carry on for Christ, even if and when missionary work is ended.

6. While the missionary program is the largest of any evangelical denomination, the fields still are white unto harvest and needs cannot begin to be met. Urgent calls come continually from almost every field. Southern Baptists need to do many times as much for missions as they now are doing, and to pray that God will call more "laborers" for his "harvest fields."

7. Southern Baptist mission work is in good hands. Members of this staff in Richmond will rank among the finest Christian executives and leaders anywhere in the world. Southern Baptists can thank God for them, and should pray for them daily as they plan and execute plans for world witness.

8. The full force of missionaries is a group of the most thoroughly trained, completely dedicated, Christian workers to be found anywhere. Every Southern Baptist can proudly and joyfully support these laborers in the field.

9. The oversight of the work of the Foreign Mission program is by the 65 members of the Convention elected board. These men, representing all areas of the convention, and including two outstanding Mississippians, are taking their stewardship seriously, and deserve the support of every Southern Baptist.

"No Liquor" At Stadium

Liquor is taboo at Memorial Stadium in Jackson, and the Stadium Commission deserves the plaudits of all Mississippians.

Many of those attending events at the stadium in the past have been annoyed by drunks, who not only created disturbance so that spectators were hindered in trying to watch the games, but often innocent people had liquor spilled on them, or other experiences just as unpleasant.

This year the commission says "No liquor," and according to newspaper reports skeptics are

finding out that the rule is being rigidly enforced. Press reports indicate that some persons have been refused admission to the stadium because they were under influence of alcohol, and others have been expelled when it was discovered that they were carrying or consuming liquor.

We commend the Stadium Commission for this action. It will create a better atmosphere in the stadium, make watching the events far more enjoyable, and probably will save lives as the crowds move on to the highways after the games.

The Lost Camera - - II

A few weeks ago there appeared in these editorial columns the story of how your editor left his camera in a taxi in Tokyo, and of how the camera was returned to him at his hotel. Here is a sequel to the story.

A copy of the editorial, along with a note of appreciation was

sent to the travel agency which sought the camera owner out amid all of the millions in Tokyo, and returned it to him. The following is a part of the reply that he has received from the company, Hankyu Express International, Co., Ltd.

"We sincerely appreciated your letter of August 5, 1970

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NEEDED: NEW INITIATIVE



NEWEST BOOKS

THIS INSANITY CALLED LOVE by John W. Drakeford (Word Books, 150 pp., \$3.95).

Through the eyes of a practical psychologist marriage counselor, Dr. Drakeford looks at the romantic love experiences of six striking personalities, and then discusses the fact that because of, or in spite of, their

romantic love, these six all added new and positive values to society in general. The six were Eleanor of Aquitaine, Martin Luther, John Wesley, Benjamin Disraeli, David Livingstone and Anton Boisen.

THE STORY OF JOSEPH; and THE STORY OF NOAH, as told by Helen Hinkley Jones (Word Books, 23 pp. each).

Exciting Drama - Stories these books are only two in a whole new series of "You - Make - It - Happen" Bible adventures. Each book includes pictures and materials for three-dimensional staging, and a supplementary Time-Trek Game.

THE LITTLEST FIDDLER AT THE OPRY by Gerry Battle and Theo Dunn (Word Books, 75 pp., \$2.95).

This is a book that will appeal to boys and girls. How the best Little League pitcher managed to become the best little fiddler at the Grand Ole Opry makes a delightful story.

WAY TO GO, BABY! by Gene Langguth (Ablington, paperback, 172 pp., \$2.95).

This is the story of "The Way," a Christian mission in North Quincy, Mass., with a congregation entirely of inner-city adolescents and "street-corner youth."

DRAMATIC PROGRAMS FOR CHRISTMAS by Cecil Magee (Broadman, paperback, 113 pp.).

This book of original dramatic programs contains everything from a puppet show to a program with only one narrator. Some of the programs involve the entire congregation, and each involves all ages. Average performance time is 20-30 minutes.

THE PARABLES OF PEANUTS by Robert L. Short (Fawcett Publications, paperback, 328 pp.).

"The major themes of the Christian faith seen from the uniquely sane, down-to-earth Peanuts perspective." This is the paperback version of the original hardcover edition, written by the author of "The Gospel According to Peanuts."

CHRISTMAS, An American Annual of Christmas Literature and Art, Vol. 46. Edited by Randolph E. Haugan. (Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis, Minn. 10% x 13 13-16". Gift edition in envelope, \$1.75. Library cloth edition, \$3.50.) In this year's edition, as in previous volumes, the reader is caught up in the religious significance of the season. New themes and ideas related to Christmas have been developed into stories, articles, a riddle, and poetry, all accentuating the spiritual significance of the season. Traditionally the Annual opens with the Christmas Gospel. This year the familiar text is illustrated with warm, full-color artwork by William Medcalf.

and a copy of your editorial report on your camera lost and found in Tokyo during the Baptist World Congress.

"A fact of this kind happens very often not only in Tokyo, but in other places in Japan, but we felt very happy that you experienced one yourself and you kindly picked it for your report."

"Copies of your letter and your report were sent to the Ministry of Transportation which is in charge of transportation and tourism, Japan National Tourist Organization, Tokyo Association of Passenger Car Companies, and Tokyo Co-operative Union of Owner-Drivers of Taxis (English translation)."

"The Tourism Department of the Ministry of Transportation released this news to the Press Club there, and a press man took it up and reported it in his news-

paper in search of the good-will driver as we are ready to give an award together with your letter to the driver when he is identified."

"In your report you mentioned there were 'at least 10,000 taxis in Tokyo', but actually there are 38,000 taxis in Tokyo."

"We want to thank you again for your letter and your report and we want to let you know that all the people concerned are deeply impressed with your feeling toward Japan and its people. Sincerely yours, Hankyu Express International Co., Ltd. Tadao Hibino Director"

General Manager for Foreign Tourist Division."

You can understand from this why we hope that some day we may once again have the privilege of visiting Japan.



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Precious. What other word has been overworked as thoroughly as "precious"? Few nouns in the English language have escaped being adjectively tagged "precious."

All the way from precious shoes to go with a precious dress worn by a precious girl with a precious hair-do going out with a precious boy driving a precious car with a precious tape player which plays precious music made by a precious group, all the way down to the precious antics of a five-year-old (antics which were actually bold misbehavior). I have used it in these many ways, just as you have, a handy word to express many elusive feelings.

But on April 15, 1970, this word came alive to me. Walter Cronkite raised it from the bier of trivia to the throne of vibrance when, in his report on the crippled Apollo 13, aiming itself toward home, he said, "The astronauts have fired their ship's precious descent engine."

It seemed such an unlikely word for that context. I have great respect for Cronkite's choice of words; all the same, I went for a dictionary definition and found one: highly prized or prized, valuable, greatly esteemed.

Then I read what the dictionary says about all the words involved in this definition of precious.

Price: the cost at which something is obtained, worth.

Prized: to value highly, regard as very valuable, esteemed value of.

Valuable: having value, very serviceable, worthy, estimable.

Esteemed: looked upon with appreciation and respect.

So, Cronkite used the word not only advisedly, but beautifully. Never again shall I use it lightly. Maybe I'll even tuck it away like a party dress to be used only on really special occasions.

Its implications are nice to follow. I sort of overuse the word "implications", but the value of anything or everything for me lies in its implications — the thoughts and ideas folded into it, which, when unfolded, are meaningful to me.

Apollo 13's descent engine was precious because within it was power enough to be spent to buy for these three men a priceless commodity: life to return home. There was no other way they could get here.

Analogy jumps out at me, does it jump out at you? We use "precious" in connection with our Savior and His sacrificial death. The precious name of Jesus, the precious blood of Jesus — having in it and all its implications the power to propel human beings through the alienating space of sin to the designated recovery area, reconciliation to God, forgiven through Jesus' sacrifice.

The Biblical way of putting this is "For there is none other name under heaven whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

And "to you therefore who believe, he is precious." (I Peter 2:7).

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Discusses Editorial

On Support Of

Cooperative Program

Dear Dr. Odle:

Your Editorial in the Thursday, Sept. 17th Edition of the Baptist Record was both timely and very thought provoking. There are few Southern Baptists indeed that have not soberly contemplated just what course we should chart and what remedy can be found for the "criticism riddled" Cooperative Program. That it is in trouble is evident. From every corner and out in the open even some of the most faithful followers of our Denomination have been able to stay silent no more and have taken verbal and financial "swings" at the Program. Your editorial is but another bit of evidence of this fact.

Surely we must agree with you that most Southern Baptists are not angry with the Cooperative Program "per se" but an awful lot of us are sick of supporting men in places of leadership who take our tithes (the Lord's Money) and then seek to force upon us their own personal liberal and modern theology and who "taint" the very Gospel they claim to be seeking to get into all the world.

So, Dr. Odle, what hopes does the average Baptist have of being heard unless he strikes back at those men whose views are foreign to ours, unless we "hit them where it hurts" — in their pocketbooks! A small church like ours (just under 700 members) has no possible way to be heard amid the thundering wheels of our massive convention machinery. Even on a State level, our oral "yea" or "nay" to any motion on the floor can be made to sound the way the moderator thinks it should have sounded! But if enough of the "little Church" folks get together and present a solid front, and thus "demand" that our conventions and agencies find and hire men who are true to the God that created them, faithful to the Savior that died for them and who seek to be led of the Spirit of God in the footsteps of all those God-fearing Baptists who blazed the trail before us — if we all held up the pay checks of the "powers that be" believe me, we'd get some action right down to the grass roots.

Let me state right here that our church believes in and does gladly support the Cooperative Program. We are faithful to this cause in our budget and records in Jackson will testify to that fact. I would to God that we could do still more for missions in all the world and help foster all those agencies with still more dollars, but I am not for another dollar going to help support any man who has, by his words and attitudes sought to foster causes that are neither Bible nor Southern Baptist.

About 14 months before Dr. Chester Quarles died, he received a letter from our Church stating that we wanted to continue to give to the great Cooperative Program, but that we wanted him to assure us that not one of the Lord's dollars would go to support the Christian Life Commission. Dr. Quarles wrote us back immediately and assured us that he

would seek some means to keep any funds from our church from going to that agency. By what means or channels he presumed to accomplish this I do not know, but I had the satisfaction of knowing that our small church was out in the open in opposition against this so-called "Christian Life Commission". We are just as opposed to it today and if the TRUTH were known, this is the real "source" of irritation in our convention this very hour!

Yours for a greater Cooperative Program.

Ralph H. Young, Pastor
Escatawpa Baptist Church
Escatawpa, Miss.

(This letter was much longer, but space does not permit use of all of it. However, this portion makes Mr. Young's point very clear. The remainder discusses how to deal with an "unruly child", and the suggested "How" is presented in the portion we have printed. — Editor).

EDUCATION WHAT'S HAPPENING

THE EDUCATION COMMISSION, SBC

The projected educational attainment for persons in their middle and late teens today is as follows: More than three-fourths (about 77 percent) will graduate from high school; 45 percent will enter a college or university; 22 percent will earn a bachelor's degree; 7 percent, a master's degree; and 1 percent, a doctorate.

"Presidents, provosts, deans, and others have long been accustomed to divergent views among their constituents about what colleges and universities should be and do, and recognize that one of their functions is to resolve conflict in conflict-prone institutions."

"Most of them sense the futility of trying to please everyone, and the disservice to higher education of having mere popularity as a leadership goal. The best of them are aware, in addition, that the pursuit of truth and the advancement of learning call for leaders who are something more than mediators."

—Logan Wilson, President of the American Council on Education

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Man Of Great Faith Sees Miracles In Brazil

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

David Gomes is a man who believes in miracles. He has claimed God's promise in Mark 11:23: "... verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."

Earlier this year he witnessed the miraculous healing of his critically ill daughter. Shortly afterward, he was able to buy for his church four hundred square meters of land in the heart of downtown Rio de Janeiro, a purchase that was like buying prize land in the middle of New York City.

The land, previously evaluated at near \$300,000, was sold to David and the Church of Hope for only \$125,000. Let us look into the story of these two events:

In downtown Rio, the Church of Hope had already opened, with David as pastor. Not another Baptist church was in that part of the city. (In the vicinity, though, was a Catholic cathedral. The Church of Hope from the beginning remained open daily from 8 to 6 p. m., in addition to holding regular church services. Daily devotions at noon have been visited by increasing numbers. People go in and out the whole day, many making decisions to accept the Lord. The church gives away at

least 1000 pieces of literature a day. In June, 1970, the congregation totaled 130 members.

For many years David had conducted Brazil's Bible School of the Air, now heard all over the world (in Mississippi on Tuesdays, Trans-World Radio, at 9 p. m. in Portuguese.) Now he brought together under one roof the Church of Hope and the Bible School of the Air studio.

At the side of the Church of Hope was a vacant lot. Thinking of buying it to enlarge the ministry of the church, David looked up the owner and approached him on the subject. The reply was, "It is not for sale. Plans are being made to construct on this lot a 15-story building. The blueprint has already been made and approved."

David is a man of faith. God hears his prayers. He prayed that the men of the company would change their minds about the sale. He invited the owner of the lot to a service at the Church of Hope, and the owner attended one day in September of 1969. On entering the narrow building he said to David, "Why, you are crowded here! You need more room."

Came David's reply straightaway: "Then sell me the land next door!" The owner continued to refuse; David continued to pray. The company went bankrupt. A lawyer called David: "The owner is in trouble. I think perhaps he will have to sell the land."

On December 8, David called the owner, who declared he would sell for \$250,000, but for no less.

That night David's wife said, "David, we are not praying enough. We need to pray more about this matter." On December 26, David's birthday, the owner decided to lower the price to \$175,000.

The church did not have a penny, or any prospects of money in sight. Yet David began a campaign by faith. He attended the Brazilian Baptist Convention in Bahia, and asked for help to buy the land. There he received only \$25, which a Southern Baptist missionary borrowed to give him. Following the meeting, the Brazilian pastors sent out a petition asking for support for this cause.

To one small gathering of pastors he spoke. One of the men led in prayer, and they all sat in silent prayer for at least ten minutes. Then David read the Scripture, I Kings 18:41-45: "And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain. So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees. And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times. And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down; that the rain stop thee not. And it came to pass in the meanwhile, that the heaven was black with clouds, and wind, and there was a great rain."

As Elijah knew by the first small cloud that a great rain was coming, David Gomes knew that God had heard his prayer.

After this service he received within a short time invitations to speak in many places, in all parts of Brazil. Over and over he presented the appeal for help to buy the land that could mean so much to a Christian ministry in downtown Rio.

In mid-March of this year, he was informed that the church could have the land for \$125,000, and would be given a 30-day option.

On April 1, the ladies of the church were attending a spiritual retreat: hymns and praying that the church might be able to buy the land. Two days later they all gave their rings, earrings and other jewelry and personal possessions, to be sold for that cause.

At the end of the thirty days' option, the owner called, "Do you have the money?"

"No."

"Do you still want the land?"

He definitely did, so he went to the owner's office.

Gathered there in the office were six men: lawyers, owner, and would-be buyer. Gomes picked up a Bible, opened it to John 14:13, and read to the men: "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

He said, "Men, you are about to witness a miracle, for God is going to give us this land." He gave each of them an offering envelope, saying, "This you may have, to show that you took part in this miracle, that you were a witness to what happened."

They asked if he now had enough money. He confessed he did not. But there in their presence he prayed, "Lord, show us your power now by working this miracle."

The owner announced, "I am willing to wait longer if the judge will allow us to do so."

Immediately David RAN—he did not walk; he ran—to the church where they were having the regular daily prayer meeting. He stopped the service, and cried, "Let us all pray now that the judge will extend our time." All present at the church knelt and

prayed until the lawyer came to say that the judge had allowed them ten more days to raise the necessary money.

All along David had been giving the facts concerning the situation to the thousands who studied the Bible over the School of the Air. He had visited churches, conventions, retreats, associations. He wrote letters, talked with friends, prayed with praying people. He prayed alone. He prayed with others. One morning he had a prayer meeting in the office of the editor of the Brazilian Baptist paper, O Jornal Batista. There was no rest, nothing left undone.

While David was working to raise the money, one of his six children, his daughter, Priscilla, became very ill. On April 19, Priscilla coughed so much that her parents carried her to the doctor. Her case was diagnosed as an advanced case of tuberculosis. The X-rays showed her lungs to be in extremely bad condition.

The church was praying daily, and was in anguish. On Tuesday, April 21, David and his wife and daughter, other members of his family, and other church members spent long hours in prayer. David got up and said to his church: "God is not sick. Go on with the campaign." And the campaign moved forward. While he worked, this man of faith spoke to God about the illness of his daughter.

On April 23, the last of the additional ten days allowed, the owner said, "I will take \$25,000 as downpayment if you pay it today, and will wait longer to receive the balance."

David asked, "If I give you the \$25,000 that I have, and am not able to obtain the rest, will I get back any of this?"

"No."

He decided he could not thus risk the money that God had entrusted to him.

On April 25, he prayed, and cried as he had never cried in his life. He gave the land to God, and completely gave it up for his church and himself. He said, "All right, Lord, if you don't want me to have the land, then show me how I can use the building that I already have. Then I will admit to everyone that I did not get the land because I did not have faith enough."

He sat down and wrote a letter to God and sealed it in an envelope. He took it to the church and said to the ones present, "The church is God's representative on earth; I am giving you this letter if you will accept it without knowing its contents." They did accept it, and all knelt together to pray.

Then after he had had the strength to give the land up, David Gomes felt a complete peace in his heart. On the night of April 26, as he meditated, studied, and prayed in one room, he heard Priscilla coughing in the other room. At one time he said: "O God, extend your hand. Stop Priscilla from coughing." The coughing ceased.

Next morning Priscilla awakened without a cough and with a good color. She was like another person. They took her to the doctor. All was well. They called in other physicians and they confirmed that she was well. They compared the X-ray taken before with the one taken that morning and acknowledged that a miracle had taken place. One more miracle in the life of this man of faith who lives accustomed to miracles.



THE CHURCH OF HOPE in Rio is pictured above, with the property at the side that has been bought by the church this year. Now the church can have room to build a larger sanctuary, as well as a 'headquarters for the people of God to work — different boards and institutions that must have office space."

The doctors absolutely could not believe it. They said this could happen only once in every 100 years to the son of a priest. (Translation: never.)

On the matter of the land, another extension had been allowed. The day it was up, the judge did not call.

On May 1, David made an appeal to his radio listeners to pray and to give. During the whole day of May 1 people brought furniture, tools, and other belongings, sold them, and gave the money.

David had written the Foreign Mission Board, SBC, for help. Dr. Means had promised that they would try, but the time was so short that they didn't know if they could. On May 7, David received a letter saying that the Foreign Mission Board would not be able to help. He still had less than half enough money. (On that date he gave the little book, "Kiss," which is the owner's lawyer with whom he had been dealing. The little book explains the way of salvation.)

On May 10, the Bible School of the Air celebrated its 21st anniversary.

On May 11, David received a call from the property owner's lawyer, who had been much impressed by David and his strong faith. He suggested that David try to get a loan from a large bank that he had not previously tried. Together they went to the bank and talked with the president.

"I understand you want to buy this land?" the banker began.

"Yes," agreed David.

"You have the money?"

"No. I still need \$65,000, and I'd like to borrow it from your bank."

"You have a guarantor?"

"A 1964 car."

"Not enough."

"One of the church members has some land."

"Not enough. But you prayed for a miracle, Mr. Gomes. A miracle has happened. This lawyer here is standing as guarantor for the \$65,000."

The lawyer had been one of the six men present the day David prayed in the property owner's office for a miracle. Now the lawyer said, "It is good to find a man like this, who believes in miracles. I want to help a man who believes in miracles."

The transaction was completed, and the Church of Hope had bought a prime piece of land in the heart of Rio de Janeiro.

Teasingly, the lawyer turned to David, "Now I will buy the land from you for \$250,000."

"No," the pastor replied, "I do not want to sell the land to you."

On August 31, David and his wife celebrated their silver wedding anniversary. The same day, their daughter, Priscilla, was engaged to Pastor Israel Faria, a young minister.

By August 31, \$40,000 was to be paid on the miracle lot, and another payment was due September 9. David writes from Caixa Postal, 866-30-00, Rio de Janeiro: "Of course we will have to make new loans to cover and uncover, but even this needs much of God's leading and we need to continue reducing the debts. Thanks for your prayers and possible cooperation. Our council has already decided to offer floors to Baptist entities." The church plans to construct a building twenty stories in height; it will be the "Building of Faith."



DAVID GOMES has been preacher and teacher for the Bible School of the Air in Brazil for 21 years. He is now also pastor of the Church of Hope in Rio.



THE INTERIOR of the Church of Hope in downtown Rio de Janeiro is shown. Rev. David Gomes is pastor.

Hudgins Receives Carson-Newman Alumnus Award

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service exemplify the objectives of Carson - Newman College. October 3, 1970."

The honorees were introduced by Edward Glover, Director of Alumni Affairs for the college, and the presentations were made by John A. Fincher, President of the Institution.

Born in Middle Tennessee, Dr. Hudgins received the B. A. degree from Carson - Newman in 1926, Th.M. degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and honorary Doctor of Divinity (1949) from Mississippi College.

He has held pastorates in Loudon County, Smyrna, Knoxville, LaFollette, and Nashville, Tennessee, Fort Worth, Tex., Houston Tex., and Jackson Miss. Dr. Hudgins has served on the boards of Texas Baptist Convention, Mary Hardin - Baylor College, Houston Memorial Hospital, Southwestern Baptist Seminary and

Southern Baptist Hospital Commission.

Through the years he has held important positions in the Southern Baptist Convention and the Mississippi Baptist Convention. He was first vice - president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1957. From 1960-62 he was president of the MBC. For 23 years he was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jackson, Miss. Since February 10, 1969, Dr. Hudgins has been executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Four other Carson - Newman graduates are presently employed by the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Two of them are department heads: Bryant Cummings, Sunday School, and Kermit King, Church Training. A third has just been elected as a department head effective next summer, Marjean Patterson, Woman's Missionary Union. The fourth is William H. Sellers, Director of Circulation and Advertising for the Baptist Record.

Americans United Dedicates New Headquarters In D. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS) — Dedication ceremonies for the new building and library of Americans United for Separation of Church and State were held on September 24. The headquarters is located just beyond the District of Columbia Line at 8120 Fenton Street in Silver Spring, Maryland. Presiding at the ceremonies was Dr. Jimmy R. Allen, president of Americans United and pastor of the First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas.

The invocation was offered by United Methodist Bishop John Wesley Lord of Washington, D. C. Brief messages were heard from Dr. Louie D. Newton of Atlanta who served as president of Americans United for 15 years; from Dr. Joseph Martin Dawson, a principal founder and long-time executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs; and another from Dr. W. Stanley

Rycroft, recently retired as secretary for research of the Commission on Ecumenical Mission and Relations, United Presbyterian Church.

The Litany of Dedication was led by Elder W. Melvin Adams of the Religious Liberty Department of the Seventh - day Adventist Church and Dr. E. S. James, long - time editor of the Baptist Standard of Texas, now retired. The Prayer of Dedication was offered by the Rev. Edward B. Lewis, pastor of Mt. Vernon Place United Methodist Church, Washington, D. C.

During the ceremonies special tributes were paid to Elin M. Winn, Marjorie Wilcox and Joseph Sunnen, faithful friends of Americans United. The tributes were offered by Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United; by C. Stanley Lowell, associate director; and by Herbert S. Southgate, treasurer.

KGB Raids On "Illegal" Church Officially Noted By Soviet Press

LOS ANGELES — The Associated Press in a recent dispatch from Moscow reports a radical departure on the part of the Soviet press in matters concerning the "illegal" church.

Police raids on unauthorized Baptist "sects" so-called were given first time coverage by the communist newspaper, Pravda Vostoka, published in Tashkent. Investigation into

the illegal use of state buildings was the technical excuse used for the raids although the paper hinted at a systematic roundup of leaders of the group known as the Baptist Initiativniki, the Russian word for "dissenters."

The AP comments: "The Soviet Union claims its citizens have complete religious freedom, but at the same time it actively preaches athe-

ism in schools and forbids the dissemination of 'religious propaganda.' All religious sects have to register with the state and those that don't are branded as illegal 'cults.'" By so doing, the state abrogates Article 124 of the USSR Constitution.

The Baptist Initiativniki withdrew from the state-recognized body known as the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians - Baptists (AUECB) for reasons of conscience. In September 1965 they formed their own Council, but all efforts to obtain legal status with the state have failed.

In reporting this latest example of police harassment, Pravda Vostoka attacked by name some of the Christians attached to the illegal body. These include Maria Klassen, wife of the CCECB leader Alvin Klassen and the mother of 10 children; Herman Gortfield, N. Matukhina, M. Belan, A. F. Prokofiev (well known Christian activist, frequently maligned and imprisoned for his faith), and a man the paper could only identify as "Krapov."

Adhering to the communist practice of character defamation, the newspaper denounced Prokofiev as a "profligate." Gortfield was made "criminally responsible for violating Soviet legislation barring religious cults, for encroaching on the rights and freedoms of citizens, for involving teen-agers in religion and for heading an illegal printing press that fabricated seditious literature." The Initiativniki, it claimed, is determined to "abolish all Soviet laws on religious cults, to abolish atheistic education in schools, and to give complete freedom to religious propaganda everywhere, in streets, squares and parks."



Romanian Relief Unloaded

BAPTIST PASTOR Johann Macher of Duisburg, West Germany, led a relief drive in his area of that country which collected 20 tons of clothing and furniture for flood-stricken Romanians. The Romanian government provided two long distance vans to haul the relief supplies to a distribution center in Medias, Romania, where one of the trucks is shown in this picture being unloaded. Several Baptist churches and pastors' homes were partially ruined by the floods.—(European Baptist Press Service Photo courtesy Johann Macher)

Soviets Chortle Over Abortive Attempt To Smuggle Bibles

Retiring At 80

Miss Ona White, who has been affected by inflammatory rheumatism since her teens, is retiring as Sunday school general secretary of Big Level Church, Wiggins. She has served faithfully in this position for more than 25 years.

Aunt Ona (as she is affectionately known) is active in church and community affairs in spite of her condition. She is a news reporter for her community in the weekly county paper as well as the reporter for Stone county in the Daily Herald from the Coast.

"Aunt Ona, who is almost 80, has brought comfort and cheer to many people on many occasions by sending cards and thoughtful notes. Her dedication and love for God and people as well as her radiant smile, has touched the hearts and lives of all the people at Big Level," states her pastor, Rev. David Perry.

Church Renewal Conferences Slated

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Three Church Renewal Conferences, each featuring a leading figure in the renewal movement, have been scheduled for the sixth season at Southern Seminary for the 1970-71 academic year.

The conferences are directed by Finley S. Edge, Basil Manly, Jr., professor of religious education and a leading figure in church renewal efforts nationally.

The first conference, to be held Nov. 18 through 21 at the Cedarhurst Assembly near Louisville, is planned as a "Journey Inward: The Discovery of Gifts." It will be designed in an unusual format involving a minimum of 24 hours spent in silence.

On April 22 through 25 the second conference, entitled "New Perspectives on Lay Witness," will be held on the seminary campus.

The last of the series will be held May 6 through 8, also at the seminary. Quaker philosopher Douglas V. Steere, emeritus professor at Haverford College in Haverford, Pa., will lead the discussions "Toward Personal Spiritual Renewal."

There are two attendance limitations, Edge said: Only 40 persons may enroll in a given conference; and no more than four persons may attend from a single church.

Some spaces are still available in each conference, Edge said. Those desiring to attend should write him immediately giving name, address, and choice of conferences (listed one, two and three). The \$10 registration fee per person should be enclosed, he said.

At the end of the flight from Montreal each passenger on disembarking had orders to report immediately at the customs control checkpoint where a certain Capt. V. D. Shmakov was in charge. The inspection was progressing routinely when suddenly the officer found himself confronted by a woman passenger whose lean, angular face presented a picture of emaciation. He noted that the hands which tremblingly opened the suitcase were delicate and skinny.

The passenger — a Russian — was returning, she said, from a seven-month visit with relatives in Canada. A search of her suitcase produced nothing in the way of contraband. Capt. Shmakov waited for the next in line. But as the woman turned to make her way laboriously from the checkpoint, he frowned, leaned across the counter, and ordered her back. For her figure belied her emaciated appearance. It was lumpy! She walked like a woman carrying a suspiciously heavy burden.

A woman customs official conducted the search. In the passenger's ingeniously sewn girdle she discovered a small library of religious reading, including 42 thick books, religious newspaper clippings, and about 600 tracts! All had been supplied by a group of Canadian Mennonites.

The Russian newspaper did not disclose the punishment imposed upon the would-be smuggler. There are those who would weep if they knew.

The first action of alcohol upon the brain is defined by Dr. Haven Emerson of Columbia University, "The higher qualities of the mind are first rubbed out by alcohol. The delicate capacities of intellectual decision and choice and discretion and will power are those faculties that are first dulled and then wiped out by alcohol because they are the least capable of withstanding its toxic effects."

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Charles Carter
Pastor, Whitesburg
Huntsville, Ala.

Monday, 1:00 P.M. Registration—Fellowship Hall
SESSION I "THE MINISTRY" — "STAFF RELATIONS"
2:00 Introductions: Personalities — Dan C. Hall; Program—Charles Muller
2:15 Presentations by: James Pleitz, John Sims, Charles Carter, Joe Tuten
3:00 New Sounds—William J. Reynolds; Thought for the Moment—Mrs. Donald Winters
3:30 Panel of Reactors—Reacting to the four presentations given at 2 p.m.
5:15 "A Look At The Congregation"—William J. Reynolds
8:00 Banquet—Monte Cristo Motel, Gordon Sansing, Emcee; Jack Lyall, Speaker; Entertainment
Tuesday, SESSION II "WORSHIP" — "MUSIC EVANGELISM"
8:45 "Music in Evangelism" — William J. Reynolds
9:45 Inter-Staff Relationship in Planning Congregational Services
Presentations by: Charles Carter, John Laughlin, James Pleitz
9:30 "Music in Outreach" — Larry Rohman
10:45 Panel of Reactors—Reacting to three presentations
11:40 A Glance at Orders of Services — Dan C. Hall
12:00 Message — Charles Carter
SESSION III — "THE CALL" (Divine Call — Church Call)
2:00 Presentations by: Beverly Timm, John Sims, Earl Kelly
3:15 Panel of Reactors — Reacting to three presentations
4:15 Dismiss

PROGRAM PERSONALITIES

Dr. L. Gordon Sansing
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Rev. Larry Rohman
Rev. James Yates
Dr. Beverly Timm
Mr. Vernon Potts
Mr. James Hayes
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Dr. Earl Kelly

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Dr. Joe Tuten
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Dr. J. R. Davis
Mr. Art Carter

Union (Alcorn) Welcomes New Pastor With Ice Cream Supper

On Saturday night, Sept. 12, members and friends of Union Church in Alcorn County gave a welcome social for the church's new pastor, Rev. F. A. Collins, and his family.

An old-time ice cream supper was held at the picnic grounds on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Goforth. Forty-four people were present. After the supper, they honored the Collins family with a surprise miscellaneous shower that included many nice gifts.

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Baptist Books Sell In Communist Cell

By L. Laverne Gregory

Ismael Badilla, a Baptist with books for sale, was invited into a house. He approached several people seated in the front room introduced himself and told them about his books. They bought more than a dozen. Not until the next day did Ismael find out that he had visited a local cell of the Communist party.

Pastor Guido Picado of Desamparados Baptist Church in suburban San Jose, Costa Rica, visited a Catholic high school located a block from the church to offer books for sale. The principal stopped all classes, called the students into an assembly and presented Pastor Guido. He sold more than 50 books that morning.

These are just two experiences of Costa Rican Baptists in "Operation Baptist Impact through the Printed Word." During August an intensive sales campaign was carried out to sell Scriptures and books. Fifteen of the 19 churches in the national Baptist

convention participated. Ten days after the campaign, with three churches still to report, 250 Bibles, 300 New Testaments and 2,618 other books had been sold.

Prizes for the most sales went to the top church in two categories and to give individuals. The effort was designed to make new contacts for the month of preaching in September.

This was the first such effort by Costa Rican Baptists. Only the Lord can know fully the impact of the Scriptures and books on the lives of hundreds of people. Equally important is the impact on the dozens of Baptists who found the thrill of witnessing to their Lord through sales of the printed page.



Ordained To Ministry

Ray Legge, left above, was recently ordained to the gospel ministry by Hebron Church, Sardis. A graduate of Mississippi State College, he is a descendant of the first pastor at Hebron, Rev. H. J. Legge (1885). Rev. Ira Perkins is present pastor.

Eugene Strickland, moderator of the association, brought the message, J. D. Joslin, Batesville made the charge to the candidate and Rev. John Laney, at right, interim superintendent of missions presented the Bible.

The service closed with Earnest Hill, Jr. singing "So Send I You." Earnest, a former member of Hebron is now enrolled at William Carey College, majoring in music. A reception for those present was given in Fellowship Hall.

Mr. Legge continues to serve the McVior Church, Panola Association.

Names In The News

Robert W. Weaver, a native of Akron, Ohio and a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Southern Mississippi has been employed by William Carey College as assistant professor of physical education. He holds the bachelor's degree in chemistry from the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio. He also was involved in graduate studies at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. Weaver was employed by B. F. Goodrich Co. in the area of tire development from 1956-1968. He is married and is the father of a 5 year old daughter.

Members of the Freshman Class of Blue Mountain College have elected officers for the current session: Miss Linda Gholston of Baldwin, admissions counselor of the college, is sponsor of the class. Joy Hurt of Memphis is President. Marilyn Southernland of Columbus, is vice-president; Teresa La Fariette of Blytheville, Ark., is secretary; and Marilyn Lamphere of Tupelo is treasurer. The BMC Freshman Class will host guests for High School Weekend, to be observed on the campus November 7-8.

William Paul Blanchard, pictured, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blanchard, Drew, was licensed into the gospel ministry on Sept. 27, at West Drew Church, Drew, with Rev. Jack Moore officiating. Paul is 15 years old and attends Drew High School. He has preached at several different churches. Available for weekend services and youth revivals, he may be contacted at 430 Gertrude, Drew, Miss. (phone 745-8930).

Gary Dickman assumed his duties as minister of music at Southside Church, Hattiesburg, on Sept. 13. A music major at William Carey College, he served in the Army and is a Vietnam veteran. His home is Bay Minette, Ala. Rev. Garland McInnis is pastor at Southside.

William Carey College has announced the awarding of four more scholarships to young men majoring in the field of music. These include Bill Smith, son of Dr. and Mrs. Gaston Smith of Hattiesburg; William

Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Parker of Laurel; Jim Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Cole of DeLand, Fla.; and Kenneth Russell of Norco, La.

Ralph A. Phelps, dean of administration at Dallas Baptist College since Aug. 1, has been promoted to vice president by the school's board of trustees. As Dallas Baptist College's only vice president, Phelps, former president of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., will work directly for the college's president Charles Pitts.

Tony Mefford, son of Rev. and Mrs. Joseph W. Mefford Jr., missionaries to Spain, was married Sept. 12 to Miss Marilyn Warren in Yaseo City, Miss. Missionary Mefford is a native of Fort Collins, Colo. Mrs. Mefford is the former Lila Pritchard of Plattville, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmond B. Moses Jr., missionaries, left the States on Sept. 8 to begin their missionary assignment in Rhodesia (address: Box W-197, P. O. Waterfalls, Salisbury, Rhodesia). Appointed last August, they were originally assigned to Nigeria. He is a native of Orlando, Fla.; she is the former Mary Ann Pugh of Mississippi. Born in Columbus, she grew up in a rural area near Brooksville.

Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Buckley, missionaries to East Pakistan, have moved from Dacca to Comilla (address: Box 7, Baptist Mission, Comilla, East Pakistan). Buckley is a native of Picayune, Miss.; Mrs. Buckley, the former Frances Goynes, was born in Gibson, Miss., but spent much of her childhood in Maringouin, La. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1967.

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By Clifton J. Allen

Matthew 5:1-9; Luke 19:1-10;
Romans 8:1-9; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

The change wrought in a person by God's saving grace is meant to be manifest in Christlikeness of spirit and conduct. All this is emphasized by the several Bible passages chosen for this lesson. The new life is the foundation for true happiness in the Lord (Matt. 5:1-9). It is a transformation from self-centeredness to integrity and generosity (Luke 19:1-10). It means deliverance from the condemnation of God against sin to live according to the mind of the Spirit, who dwells in the Christian (Rom. 8:1-9). And it is a life committed to the purpose of Christ for the reconciliation of the world (2 Cor. 5:17-21). The better we understand the nature of our new life in Christ, the stronger our purpose to live our faith.

The Lesson Explained
THE NEW MAN IN CHRIST
(2 Cor. 5:17-18)

This verse sets forth the very essence of Christian conversion. The Christian life does not begin by accident. It begins, rather, with a divine creation. The initiative is with God, for he "sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him." Whoever responds to Christ with genuine repentance and true faith is regenerated by God's Spirit. Something happens by the grace of God so that one is made a new creation.

It is all the work of God, because we are drawn to Christ by his reconciling love and especially by his death for our sins. It is the awareness of God's self-giving love in Christ, even in the sacrifice of the cross, that breaks down the enmity in our hearts against God and draws up to him in repentance and in surrender to Christ as Lord and Saviour.

THE MISSION OF CHRISTIANS
(2 Cor. 5:19-21)

The new life in Christ is the free gift of God's love. We ought, therefore to think of the divine purpose in our salvation. We are made alive in Christ that we may give ourselves to the ministry of reconciliation. God came in Christ to show his gracious willingness to forgive sins. God felt no hostility toward rebellious and sinful man; rather, man was hostile toward God. The only way God could break down man's hostility was by the power of the cross. The thought is beyond our understanding. But the truth remains: God's love was so great that he was willing for Christ

Weekly Devotion Begun In M & P Plant In Houston

In Houston, Monday, Sept. 21, O. L. Pierce, President of M&P Enterprises, started a weekly devotion at his plant. Rev. Harold Halcomb, pastor, First Church, Houston was asked to be responsible for the first service; 166 employees were present. Mr. Halcomb has been asked to secure speakers for each service and plans to involve ministers from various denominations as well as other races. Mr. Pierce is a very active member of First Baptist Church, Houston, and is a teacher of one of the Couples' Bible Classes. On a recent Sunday there were 42 present in his class.

"I believe this devotional service is a tremendous thing for Houston and for Mississippi. I hope other Christian business men will consider such a project. What an impact for Christ could be made if every working person in Mississippi could hear the Gospel preached at least once each week," states Pastor Halcomb.

Oak Grove Plans 26th Homecoming

Homecoming services will be held at Oak Grove Church, Holmes County, Sunday, October 11. Rev. R. E. Paine of Vicksburg, former pastor, will speak at the 11 a.m. service.

Dinner on the grounds will be served at noon, according to Rev. Tommy Bruce of Belzoni, pastor. Former members and friends are invited.

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PORTRAIT OF A CHRISTIAN
(Matt. 5:3-9)

It is appropriate to think of the Beatitudes as a portrait of the true Christian, and thus to consider something of what the new life in Christ ought to mean in aspects of character. Jesus declared happiness to consist in a quality of being, in what one is, and in the attitudes which spring from true faith in God.

The poor in spirit, recognizing their spiritual destitution and need, are certain to share in the riches of the kingdom of heaven. Those who mourn with godly sorrow for sin will find their place in God's kingdom. Those who yearn with sincerity for righteousness will come into right relationship with God and will become righteous. Those who show mercy will obtain mercy. Those who are pure in heart with single-hearted devotion toward God, will have access to the presence of God. Those who are peacemakers, seeking to practice peace toward other persons and to effect reconciliation between other persons, will deserve to be called the sons of God. Christians who live according to the attitudes and practices set forth in the Beatitudes will experience a blessedness which transcends all material prosperity and pleasure.

Truths to Live By

The new life is a gift of God. — No one can claim the right to membership in the family of God except through faith in Jesus Christ. We need constantly to remember that the new life in Christ is a free gift of God's grace. God offers this priceless gift because of his matchless love, because Christ died for us, and because God with tender compassion wants to deliver us from the power of Satan and to give to us the riches of grace and the joy of salvation. The wonder of God's compassionate love should never cease to amaze us.

A Christian ought to test the reality of his commitment to Christ. — One's relationship to God in Christ is not a vague uncertainty, a "hope so" experience. One is a Christian, or he is not a Christian. A person can test the reality of his experience by whether he has sincerely met the conditions of salvation. His life ought to declare that "old things are passed away" and that "all things are become new." In other words, the inner joy and peace, the outward deeds and conduct, and the deep desire to do the will of God are confirming evidences that one has become a follower of Christ.

Happiness ought to characterize the Christian life. — This is the essential meaning of the Beatitudes. Jesus was describing the type of character becoming to a Christian and the kind of happiness independent of circumstances or misfortune. The Christian life, therefore, ought to reflect something of the joy of a salvation experience. There is no condemnation for the Christian. The Christian has a life that overcomes death. The Christian has resources of strength through the Spirit of Christ to make him equal to hard experiences in life. The Christian has the matchless privilege of living in the presence of Christ and enjoying the fellowship of his Spirit. There is no enduring happiness without Christ. There is the happiness of goodness and helpfulness and hope with Christ.

Gal. 2:11-14

By Bill Duncan

What is, religious freedom? For years I thought he first Bill of Rights meant that Congress would not make

a law to support one denomination as a state church as opposed to another. I also thought that this law would protect my desire to worship in our church. Now I learn that this Bill of Rights (according to some people) means that a person is protected from being exposed to religion of any kind. This means that not only does a child not have to hear Mormon prayer but, according to some, he does not have to attend a class where a prayer of any kind is said. Religious freedom does not mean the same for everyone.

One of our hymns, "Once For All," has a line which says: "Free from the law of perfect." We possibly have sung this hymn many times but how often would you apply this scripture to that thought? What does it mean?

A person is made free through the death of Jesus Christ and when he accepts by faith of His grace for the atonement of our sins. We are "free" from what? Could it be that we are free from the Hebrew traditions of ritual worship and observance of manmade codes to guarantee that one would not break one of the basic 10 commandments? In the codes to guarantee the observance of the teachings of Moses were dietary laws. Paul had taught the people, Gentiles, that they would not have to observe these codes. He had also helped the church to have a spiritual fellowship among the Gentiles and Jews. You will remember that the Jews that were strict had no dealings with Gentiles.

But in Gal. 2:11 we read of a problem that arose in the church at Antioch that demanded understanding of spiritual freedom. Because Peter feared the rebuke of strict Jews, he drew back and walked aloof from the Gentile Christians. The other Jews in the church saw the example of Peter and they along with Barnabas kept their distance in relationship to the Gentile. The real problem was that the Jewish Christians were not willing to be consistent because of fear of what someone would think of them. Peter changed positions and treated the thought of spiritual freedom as wrong.

To the Judaizers Jesus was the Christ only of the Jews. If anyone wanted to become a saved individual then he must first become a Jew then he could accept Christ as Saviour. The saved life for Judaizers was carrying out the ways of worship of Jews and living the detailed observance of human legalism. It was hard for the Judaizers to see that a good Jew could be a sinner if he kept the law in deed. It was impossible for them to see that a Gentile should obey the commandments of the law of Judaism.

Paul defends spiritual freedom from keeping the law and salvation by grace through faith in Gal. 2:19-3:14. It is interesting to see that the great Martin Luther understood that the application was to the legalism of his Catholic church as well. The great

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Reformation was centered in the desire for spiritual freedom.

If anyone could speak of the purpose and the understanding of the law in the church, Paul was qualified. He had tried to be the strictest Jew. He was a Pharisee who had sought to be justified by the law. But the conviction of need in his life caused him to trust Jesus as Lord and turn from living a life of legalism to a life of salvation by grace alone. Paul could not save himself, but Jesus could. The change had brought life. "The just shall live by faith." "That I might live unto God." He had put away the law as if it were a dead body. He had buried it.

Therefore to the Judaizers, Peter, Barnabas and other Jewish Christians he was saying that their actions toward the Gentiles were unjustified. Christ loves all men and we should love all men also and not act aloof toward any especially in the church. Spiritual freedom is a gift of God and cannot be obtained by actions or attitudes of men.

The reason for Paul writing this letter to the Galatians was that the Judaizers were trying to confuse the people there about the grace of God. He wanted the people to speak up as he did at Antioch.

There are always those who are dragging their feet, holding back influence when there is a need for practicing beliefs and defending truth. If we could get a clear understanding of freedom then we might not be so upset when someone challenges our traditions in the church.

We do not need defenders of spiritual freedom as much as we need practices of the grace of God in love and deed. We are free to express ourselves much more than the Jews who have a dead law. But how much more do we do to show God our attitude of love?

The doctrine of grace should cause us to do more than what the law required. I not only want to give God a tithe but I want to give him all of my money. Law shows us how little we have to do, but grace draws more.

We can understand our freedom as Christians but Paul was quick to make certain that his freedom did not cause someone to stumble in faith. A tolerance of other people is a part of God's grace. Salvation by grace through faith is the only way one gains this freedom.



BILLY BEARD, left, chairman of the Tylertown Church Deacons; Dr. Johnnie Brigman, pastor; and Ansel Estess participated in burying the last note of the church indebtedness in a special ceremony. Estess was chairman of the deacons when the church built their new educational annex in 1961.

Tylertown Retires Debt On Church Educational Plant

Members of Tylertown Church marked the retirement of a \$150,000 debt Sunday, Sept. 20, when the last of a series of bonds sold in 1961 was burned during the morning services. Rev. Robert Ledbetter was pastor in 1961.

The bonds had been issued to finance the construction of the large educational annex which was completed in 1961 at a cost of \$135,000. The debt also included the purchase of a home for the church's minister

of music. Rev. George Lee of Columbia, missionary for the three-county area, gave a prayer of dedication following the burning of the bond.

Dr. Brigman explained that the last and final bond retired has been chosen to be burned "as a symbolic recognition of the achievement of this church."

The educational annex includes a chapel, church offices, library and Sunday school classes.

1,000 Watch Baptism In Sea

More than 1,000 persons watched as Baptists in Savona, Italy, conducted a baptismal service there along the shore of the Mediterranean Sea. Two men and a woman were baptized after making professions of faith in Christ.

Emidio Santilli, pastor of the Baptist church in Genoa, preached, and Robert A. Hollifield, of Mississippi, Southern Baptist Convention (US) missionary living in Genoa, immersed the converts. Hollifield serves the Savona congregation.

The baptismal service was reported in the local press. A photograph of one of the converts being baptized accompanied the story. — (EBPS)

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Devotional

"The Tongue"

James 3:5-10

By Gerald Buckley, Pontotoc

The book of James states that the tongue is difficult to tame. A man finds it easier to tame wild animals than to control his tongue. We speak before we think. We make verbal judgments before all the facts are known. Again and again our tongues get us into difficulty.



As children many of us said or heard the following words: "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me." No greater untruth has ever been uttered. Words can cut much deeper than any stick or stone. Words can cause damage and injury that time itself cannot completely heal.

The tongue wrongly used is a great destructive power. Of all the habits in the world, one of the worst is the habit of using profanity. Many people allow a steady stream of filthy language to fall forth from their tongues. When one comes into contact with such a vocabulary, he feels soiled and dirty. One of the lowest ways the tongue is used is in malicious gossip. How easy it is to pass on to another a tale we have heard about someone. Many a heart has been broken through the cruel wagging of a loose tongue.

It is easy to fall into the role of the faultfinder. Little men are quick to criticize others. Dr. O. T. Binkley, President of Southeastern Seminary, was my teacher in Christian Ethics. He made a statement in class one day that I shall never forget. Dr. Binkley said: Criticism is a sharp instrument and should be used with the greatest of care.

The tongue well used is a fountain of joy. A word of encouragement can lift the person who has suffered a blow and is on a low limb. We can make life so much better and so much finer for those around us if we will think to say these words that lift to the people who need them. The world is in debt to those who can create laughter. We all need words that bring refreshing humor into life. There is something about laughter that sweeps away tension and ill-will and many other harmful emotions. A humorous tongue can be a tongue well used.

None of us speak frequently enough the word of appreciation. We should pause often to thank God for His many blessings, and also to express gratitude to those who render service to us. Where is the man who has not grasped such a word to his heart and been helped by it in the struggle of life? The most beautiful words that can possibly be used are words spoken for Jesus Christ. When we tell someone what Jesus Christ means to us, we put our tongue to the very best use. God can take our feeble words and touch a human heart.

How can we get started on the right use of our tongue? There is only one way. Our mouth merely reveals what is in our heart. When there is the love of God in our heart, we can rest assured that the tongue will speak that which is lovely and helpful.

Working Women In Tanzania

"Thank God for hard working women," says Dr. John T. Adams, Southern Baptist missionary physician in Mbeya. He explains that the members of an outlying church which he visits every other week wanted to erect a new building. But the women (who normally do the heavy work) would have had to carry rocks for the concrete floor eight miles on their heads.

Dr. Adams asked the women to pile the rocks beside the road so that he could move them to the building site in his Land Rover, and this went on for several months. One day, however, he was met by the men of the church,

who said they had decided to help since it was a church project. Beside the big pile of rocks carried by the women was a small pile gathered by the men. With obvious pride, the men said, "See how hard we have worked and all we have done to build our church."

Later, while in the States on furlough Dr. Adams learned that the church building had been completed. Beside it the people built a small grass hut for the doctor to use for his biweekly medical clinics.

Bad booze seldom kills good men.

A good deal of religion acts like it stepped on a banana peel.



NEW ON CLARKE COLLEGE FACULTY—Standing: Dean J. C. Watson (left) and Dr. W. L. Compere, president. An unusually large number of members were added to the faculty of Clarke College, Newton, this fall. Dean J. Clifford Watson announces. From left: Thomas W. Sin, Hong Kong, librarian; Rev. J. H. Bethune, mathematics; Miss Margaret Hollingsworth, Lake, science; Mrs. Katherine Burt, English; Rev. Paul Brown, Memphis, art and Bible; Mrs. Dan Davies, Ellwood City, Pa., music; Mrs. James Pascal Gilbert, Quito, Ecuador, Spanish.

New Religious Ed Dean Installed At Southern Seminary

LOUISVILLE (BP) — In his inaugural address as dean of the School of Religious Education at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, Ernest J. Loessner called for a move away from polarization as a way of responding to new developments within the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Baptists need to be helped to move away from big confrontations, to putting their trust in the processes by which new problems are solved," Loessner said in his address delivered during Founders' Day activities at the seminary.

Virginia Bennett Is MC's First Coordinator Of Student Activities

Miss Virginia Bennett, (pictured) or "Ginger" as she would rather be called, is a cheerful redhead with a ready smile, a relaxed manner, and the unlikely-sounding title of Coordinator of Student Activities at Mississippi College.

Miss Bennett's job is a new one, and in this capacity she is responsible for organizing the college calendar for both academic and extra-curricular activities. She also works with the Student Body Association in arranging campus-wide events and acts as coordinator of club and social tribe activities.

In her role as hostess of the B. C. Rogers Student Center, she is responsible for the scheduling and reserv-



SEPTEMBER 27 was a day of dedication for North Corinth Church, Alcorn County. On Sunday evening, the church dedicated her debt-free Hammond organ to God and his glory and service. The services began with a fellowship meal outside on the church grounds; then everyone moved inside to sing songs of praise, listen to special music, and join in the Scripture reading. One of the highlights of the service was the noteburning. Left to right: Truman Dawson, church organist; Rev. Jimmy Carl Bryant, pastor; and B. W. Alexander, chairman of deacons, are pictured during the noteburning. The organ, purchased almost two years ago at the price of \$2900, was paid off the last of August.

"Christianity In Bangalore Is Lay-Oriented," Reports Caudill

By R. Paul Caudill, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Memphis

If anyone desires an intimate view of lay-oriented, indigenous Christianity, let him come to Bangalore, India. That is what we found as we came to Bangalore to participate in the Asia Crusade prior to the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance.

Barely three years ago there was not a single Baptist church in Bangalore, a city of some two million people in the heart of Southern India. Today, there are nine Baptist churches, twelve preaching points, and over 500 members in the greater Bangalore area.

The work in Bangalore began in 1966, with the arrival of Southern Baptist missionaries Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Bethea, and it was during that year the first (Southern) Baptist church of India was constituted. A year later the Betheas were joined by medical Doctor and Mrs. John Wikman, and the following year by medical Doctor and Mrs. Richard H. Hellinger.

Although there was no Baptist church in Bangalore when the Betheas arrived, there were Christians with

Baptist beliefs, and with the assistance of these the work was begun. Soon the First Baptist Church was constituted, and a Rev. Joshua who had been preaching in other areas under the auspices of the American Baptist Convention came to serve as pastor. Unfortunately, he died of cancer on November 28 of last year after a tenure of less than two years. This left the Bangalore area without a single ordained minister (save medical Doctor Ralph Bethea, who is now on brief furlough incident to knee surgery).

All of the churches and preaching points are served by Lay Evangelists who do not even call themselves "Preachers" but merely "Witnesses."

All of the churches and preaching points have a preaching service once a week, on Sunday, conducted by these Lay Witnesses.

Some congregations already own the little buildings where the people gather, the people bought and paid for it (or are paying for it). The mission matches the pledges of the people dollar for dollar, in the building programs, but the congregations repay the mission and assume full re-

sponsibility for any indebtedness incurred. I know of no other mission field among Southern Baptists that has a more distinctively lay-oriented, New Testament-like, indigenous movement than that of the Bangalore Mission.

The three medical doctors who serve here are all Board Men: Dr. Bethea — gynecology; Dr. Wikman — surgery; and Dr. Hellinger — Internal Medicine and Cardiology.

The mission has five clinics: The Central Clinic located at 190 Sankey Road, Upper Palace Orchards, Bangalore-5, which sees 300 to 400 patients weekly; and four outlying mobile clinics located in the following villages: Sonnehally, Jeevanhally, Shriram puram, and Goripalam. The four outlying clinics are served by a single mobile unit set up in the mission Volkswagen which is also used for a multiplicity of other purposes.

This means that all medical instruments and medicines have to be loaded and unloaded each time a trip is made to the outlying clinics. The appointments for the mobile unit cost around \$10,000 and it would be wonderful if some good Samaritan provid-

ed another one for use here.

In the clinics, only minor surgical procedures are undertaken for the doctors are waiting for their own hospital where they will have adequate facilities for surgery. Currently, surgical cases are referred to local private, non-Baptist hospitals.

Dr. Melvin Dewese, Memphis Ophthalmologist and member of the First Baptist Church, came to Bangalore and gave three weeks of his time last month, and performed many surgical procedures including corneal transplants. The doctors set up an operating room for him in the clinic, using an ordinary table for the surgery and an outside window for lighting and other primitive appointments. The people have begged him to return for other surgical cases before the year is out.

All of the doctors here could be teaching, part time, in the local Universities of Medicine but they prefer to spend their spare time as lay witnesses; and, it would be hard to find men of medicine more dedicated for the cause of Christ than these who serve here.

REVIVAL RESULTS

McArthur Street Church, Pascagoula: Rev. Harry Carswell, pastor, Ridgecrest Church, Hattiesburg, evangelist; Bill Bailey, minister of music, McArthur Street, singer; 23 professions of faith; one addition by letter; Rev. Kenna Byrd, pastor; VBS held same week.

MC Ministers' Wives Hold Family Cookout

On Tuesday, September 15, the Ministers' Wives Association of Mississippi College held its annual Family Cookout in the grove on the college campus. Games and skits were enjoyed by the 75 guests. Special guests were Dr. and Mrs. Norman O'Neal, Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Pinson, Dr. and Mrs. Howard Spell, Dr. Russell M. McIntire, and Dr. William W. Stevens. Dr. Stevens, Chairman, Division of Religion, Mississippi College, gave the devotional on the topic "The Price Tags of Life."

Regular meetings of the Association are held on the first Tuesday of each school month at 7:00 P.M. Wives of all ministerial students at Mississippi College are invited to attend the meetings and to join the Association.

Interested persons may call 924-7940 or 924-7680.

Revival Dates

Janice Church (Perry): Oct. 16-18; 7 p.m.; Rev. Derrick A. Vickers, William Carey College, evangelist; Rev. Gary Cheney, interim pastor.

Big Level, Wiggins: Oct. 11-16; 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Van C. Windham (pictured), pastor of 38th Ave. church, Hattiesburg, evangelist; Dallas Rayborn, Hattiesburg, music director; Rev. David Perry, pastor.

Center Ridge (Yasoo): Oct. 11-16; Rev. James D. Watson, Indianola, evangelist; Ed Sudduth, Indianola, instrumentalist; Dennis Bucher, minister of music, Calvary Church, Jackson, leading the singing; services 7:00 a. m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Jim Nunnelee, pastor.

Miss Lovelace Wins First Place In Hymn Writing Competition

Grace Lovelace, office secretary, Department of Cooperative Missions, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and member of First Church, Clinton, is first place winner in her church's second annual hymn writing competition.

This was the second consecutive year that she placed first in this competition. The title of her hymn entry was "Jesus Christ, My Lord and Saviour."

Second place winner was "A Hymn of Praise" by Elina Lee Spencer. Third place went to the hymn, "O God, Your People Grateful Are" written by Eleanor Grace Polk. Honorable mention awards went to Mrs. H. A. Carlock and Mrs. Robert Jackson.

Dr. Russell McIntire is pastor of First, Clinton; Tanner Riley is minister of music.

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"I'll have to wear my golf socks today," the husband grumbled aloud to his wife as he rummaged through the drawer.

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An old couple was listening to a church service on the radio. They sat in deep study. Half an hour went by, and suddenly the old man burst out laughing.

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